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COUNTRY	Soviet Zone of Germany	REPORT	
TOPIC 1.	84s Inf Regt	in GOTHHA	50X1-HUM
2.	Eng Regt	in GUMBINNEN	
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1. [redacted]

a. The 84s Rifle Regt [redacted] was located in GOTHHA (M 51/J 06). The regiment was assigned to border guard duty but allegedly was to be soon withdrawn from the border.

b. The following officers were identified:

Col GLADKI, regimental commander;  
2d Lt. IPATOV, Dpty CO (Political) of the III Bn;  
1st Lt. IVANOV, CO of the 5th Co/III Bn.

c. The 5th Co/III Bn was assigned to border guard duty in the area of GELSMAR (L 52/H 79). \* The company comprised 5 officers, 15 NCOs and 35 EM. The company was armed with:

Five 80-mm mortars  
Three "Kp-MG-Rotni Pulemet" \*\*  
Eight light machine guns,  
About 40 "PPSH" sub-machine guns  
Three carbines.

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2. [redacted]

a. [redacted] the Eng Regt [redacted] in GUMBINNEN (GUSEV). The following officers were known:

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Col BRANSBURG, regimental commander  
Lt. Col ZOLDATOV, CO of the III Bn  
Maj LEBEDEV, Dpty CO (Political) of the III Bn  
Maj SEUK, Dpty CO (Training) of the III Bn.

b. Two regular regiments were also located in GUMBINNEN. Artillery and tank units, allegedly commanded by Col BRANSBURG, too, were located in the kaserne area of the training regiment. The

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recruits were serving exclusively with the training regiment but the other GUMBINNEN units consisted of trained personnel.

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c. The 3rd of the training regiment of about three battalions were transferred to Germany on 13 February 1949. Recruits of about two battalions arrived in GUMBINNEN on 15 February 1949 and recruits for one battalion on 25 February 1949. \*\*\*

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d. Recruits in the strength of two battalions of six companies each were entrained in GUMBINNEN on 1 May 1949. Each company consisted of 1 officer, 8 NCOs and 96 EM. Only officers and NCOs were armed. The train concerned was boarded in CHERNIKHOVSK (allegedly IESTREBURO) by a third battalion in the same strength. The train arrived in WEILAH (W 51/J 57) on 7 May 1949.

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Comment:

It has been known that component units of the regiment were assigned to border guard duty along the zonal border, including the area of GUMBINNEN. A Col GLADKI was for the first time reported to be CO of the 172d Gds Mtz Rifle Regt. He may be identical to a Col GLADKI who, in 1944, was chief of the Eighth Gds Army Intelligence Section.

e. The statement concerning the strength (about 90 percent of the T/O strength) and armament of a mortar company agrees with previous information.

### 3. Training regiment in GUMBINNEN

(1) Although no 172d Regt [redacted] was previously identified in GUMBINNEN, East-Prussia, it may be located there. No information is available for comparison to check on the officers reportedly assigned to the training regiment.

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(2) The statement that, besides the training regiment, two other regiments were located in GUMBINNEN appears credible. [redacted] a division, including tank units, [redacted] located in the GUMBINNEN area.

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600 The report confirms that, in May 1949, recruits still arrived in the Soviet Zone of Germany by the trainloads.

### 4. Inductions:

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It is doubted, however, that personnel of the 1929 class should have been inducted only after April 1949. It can be rather safely assumed [redacted]

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the 1929 class was inducted in [redacted]

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the Soviet Union already after the late fall of 1948, trained for six to eight weeks in military posts in the SD and shipped to the Soviet zones of Germany and Austria after the spring of 1949.

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cc [REDACTED] comment: [REDACTED] "Kp-110- Rotni Fulmet" was a new type machine gun which resembles the light machine gun of type "Huchnod Fulmet". The new machine gun is constructed to allow the use of both drum magazines and ammunition bolts.

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